

Park Safety Zone Ordinance Summary

Name _____ RSO _____ Date _____

Applies to all land which is administered, operated or managed by the city as a park, trail or natural area, and city recreational areas, except cemeteries and golf courses.

Sex offender means a person required to register in Texas, another state or by the Federal government, as well as civilly committed sexually violent predators.

Restrictions:

- Residence restriction of 1,000 feet
- Proximity restriction of 300 feet, and may not enter park, with exceptions for parks as places for voting or official meetings
- The residence and proximity restrictions do not apply to the section of the Riverwalk, on the street level only, that is south of Lexington Ave. and north of S. Alamo.
- These restrictions also would not prevent a person from working at a business located on the river level of the Riverwalk, if the person remains on the private property of the business or the city property leased to the business and thus not reserved for the use of the general public as a park.

Affirmative Defenses:

- Residence: person lived at location prior to enactment of ordinance
- Sex offender was a minor at time of offense and does not qualify as an adult
- Sex offender permitted in park by order of a court or the parole board

Exemptions may be granted by the Chief of Police

Penalty: Class C Misdemeanor; \$500 fine

Effective Date: March 1, 2014

Signature